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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN JOURNALIST SPEAKS OF LUANG PRABANG VISIT,
INQUIRES ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION VISITS TO LPDR AND SRV

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1. KLAUS-DIETER PFLAUM, CORRESPONDENT FOR THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY AND CORRESPONDENT FOR THE "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND", BASED IN HANOI, TOLD EMBOFF THAT DURING A TWO WEEK VISIT TO LUANG PRABANG IN MARCH HE WAS TOLD BY THE CHIEF OF THE LUANG PRABANG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE THAT APPROXIMATELY FORTY PEOPLE (INCLUDING SEVERAL MONKS) WERE ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE FORMER KING (REFTEL). HE SAID THAT THE CHIEF TOLD HIM THAT THE ARESTS (APPROXIMATELY MARCH 11) FOLLOWED ATTACKS ON A MILITARY WAREHOUSE IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF FOUR RESISTANCE TROOPS.

2. PFLAUM SAID THAT THE CHIEF ALSO TOLD HIM THAT
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WHILE THERE WAS NO CLEAR INFORMATION LINKING THE FORMER KING TO "OUTSIDE POWERS", CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WAS FOUND IN THE FORMER KING'S OFFICE AND THESE DOCUMENTS WERE BEING STUDIED.

3. COMMENT: PFLAUM INITIALLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A "GERMAN JOURNALIST" BUT LATER CORRECTED EMBOFF'S

REFERENCE TO HIM AS A "WESTERN JOURNALIST" BY NOTING
THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING THE EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.
HE ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERED HIMSELF A SIMPLY A "JOURNALIST".

4. PFLAUM ASKED EMBOFF ABOUT VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL
COMMISSION. EMBOFF CITED INFORMATION THE
COMMISSION'S SCHEDULE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED
BY LAO MEDIA.

5. PFLAUM SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH AND
PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN GUINEA BISSAU.
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